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what's happening at the bridge

Our *mission* at the bridge Presbyterian Church is to help people

Connect with God's people in your life  
Connect with God's purpose in your life  
Connect with God's passion for your life

## **Ways to Connect with God's *mission* at the bridge**

Sun. Apr. 5 – Palm Sunday Services at 9:00 am and 10:30 am

Thu. Apr. 9 – 6:30 pm – Maundy Thursday Service

Fri. Apr. 10 – Noon – Good Friday Service

Sun. Apr. 12 – Easter Sunday Services at 9:00 am and 10:30 am

\*\*\*\* these will be updated weekly as we assess the health situation

## **Facebook Live Feeds this Week**

**Thursday 12:30 pm**— a time to communicate with Doug and the bridge Family

**Sunday 10:00 am**—Worship with Doug from the bridge worship center

Currents will be different this week with out any activities. It still has important information so please read it through .

You will also be getting more emails with date and times of upcoming Life feeds on FB

We are working on doing live streams or possibly recorded messages to upload so those who do not want to go on Facebook will have access. This Sunday will only be available via Facebook. Again, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO HAVE AN ACCOUNT to view the feed. You can go to the website [www.thebridgepres.org](http://www.thebridgepres.org)—go all the way to the bottom and click on the Facebook logo. You can also google the church name and go to the link to our home page on facebook.

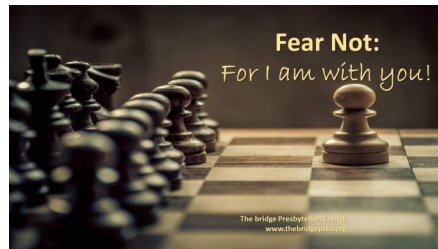
**\*\*\* Remember — you may have to scroll down through old posts or even click on the video button to find the live feed depending on your device**

### **The bridge Core Habits**

What does a disciple of Jesus Christ look like at ***the bridge***? Our core habits answer that question. Our core habits are:

*Pray daily - Worship together weekly - Welcome & Include everyone - Belong to a small group -  
Give generously - Cherish children -  
Forgive & reconcile continually - Serve our community*

## **Worship Weekly**



This Sunday @ 10:00 live from the bridge, Doug will be preaching a sermon about how Jesus comes to us in our fears. Tune in live on Facebook! Here is some 'stuff' to help prepare you for Sunday worship.

**Title:** It's NOT What It Seems!

**Text:** Matthew 14: 22 – 33; Hebrews 11: 1 - 2

#### **Questions:**

- Why are we no longer hearing anyone say: "It is what it is," in response to the COVID – 19 Pandemic?
  - Look at Matthew 14: 22 – 33.
    - o Who made the disciples get into the boat?
    - o How do you think the disciples felt getting caught in the storm while on the sea?
- What can we learn about Jesus from his interaction with Peter on the sea?



### **bridge "Notes" from Patty**

I don't know about you, but I've been listening to some great music during my "social isolation". I go back and forth. Some days I feel like peace and quiet, (ocean waves and Beethoven) but sometimes I want to get up and dance! I love to listen to Koryn Hawthorne. She released her debut album in 2018 and at age 22 has 2 Grammy nominations. This upbeat song may have you dancing, and I think it's perfectly OK during a pandemic, especially since there's no one watching. If you're looking for a song to sing while compulsive hand washing, try this song instead of "happy birthday". "Won't He Do it? He said He would. So, I trust Him at all times." I'll see you Sunday on Facebook.

<https://youtu.be/AtAW2PIt-FA>

## **Pray Daily**



- Residents of Leland House and all care facilities for seniors and those with health issues who are physically fragile.
- Strength and safety for health care workers, first responders, and caregivers dealing with COVID 19.
- Wisdom and courage for those leading our religious communities, educational institutions, hospitals, government and local communities.

## **Give Generously**

This weeks offering is \$ 2,440.00

Please mail you pledges to 497 Olde Waterford Way, Suite 205, Leland, NC 28451

Friends,

Here it is, the first week after our corporate worship of the Lord was canceled due the concerns about the spread of Coronavirus. As Pastor Doug pointed out in his Facebook devotion, it is only the church building that has closed. The people of the bridge are what makes us a church.

Usually on Monday, Wanda is preparing a deposit for the generosity you have shown on Sunday. While the Bridge is closed, and our ministry teams are not gathering, our obligations continue. Please continue your Worship of God with the Generosity that you have so graciously shown in the past. While Wanda will not be in the church office, she will be checking the mail daily and will be checked for important correspondence and checks.

Yours in Christ,  
The Generosity team  
Bill Harwell, Generosity Elder  
Harry Adams, Treasurer  
Charlie Riddle  
Gary Westphal  
Paul Rupprecht  
Wanda Batten, Office Manager  
Doug Cushing

# **Belong to a Small Group**

Due to the coronavirus and having to close the church, Doug has suspended the SBSG series on Mark. Doug is hoping to do this series during Lent in 2021.

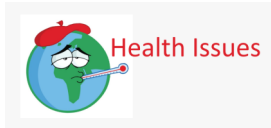
Thank you to all the facilitators for volunteering and graciously giving of your time!

We are hoping to start a new series in the near future and want to thank everyone who participated.

Blessings,  
Julie Shackleton

## **Gospel of Mark—One Man Show**

The Gospel of Mark has been postponed until Friday, June 5th at 7PM. The new date was set in the hope that this pandemic will be a memory, and we will be ready to gather and enjoy a night of fantastic entertainment. As we wait for this production and spend time social distancing, I do encourage everyone to download on their Kindles - Lent for Everyone Mark BookB by N.T. Wright. ( we hear there are no copies available on Amazon). It is another way for us all to stay connected and continue our study of Mark in the days ahead.



## **Keeping the bridge Healthy**

Information on the spread of flu and the corona virus changes daily. That fluidity and misinformation continue to cause concern and uncertainty. The CDC site [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/index.html) provides daily factual updates which also include risk assessments and recommendations for everyday preventative actions. The World Health Organization site [www.who.int](https://www.who.int) also offers rolling updates, situation reports, and travel advice. Those worried about travel plans can also get information from the State Department Travel Advisory at <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories/worldwide-caution.html>

. Below are the CDC recommendations:

### **FLU & Virus Prevention**

**1. Avoid close contact.**

Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too. NOTE: Masks are for those who are ill, not those who are well.

**2. Stay home when you are sick.**

If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. This will help prevent spreading your illness to others.

**3. Cover your mouth and nose.**

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick. Flu and other serious respiratory illnesses, like respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), whooping cough, and severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), are spread by cough, sneezing, or unclean hands.

**4. Clean your hands.**

Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based sanitizer.

**5. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.**

Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.

**6. Practice other good health habits.**

Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.

### **For Work or Meetings**

- Routinely clean frequently touched objects and surfaces, including doorknobs, keyboards, light switches, handrails, and phones to help remove germs.
- Make sure the facility has an adequate supply of tissues, soap, paper towels, alcohol-based hand rubs, and disposable wipes.
- Train others on how to do your job or conduct your meeting so they can cover for you in case you or a family member gets sick and you need to stay home.
- If you begin to feel sick while at work or during a meeting, go home as soon as possible!
- As the situation develops, know your organization's plans for dealing with an outbreak e.g. communicating schedule changes, instituting new procedures, taking additional precautions.

### **BFA to Move to Remote Operations**

Amid concerns of the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19), Brunswick Family Assistance (BFA) will move all operations to a remote format. This move will not impact client services.

BFA staff will be able to handle all operations from remote locations, better protecting them and their clients during this crucial time. "We want to serve the community while also keeping them safe," said Executive Director Stephanie Bowen. "We believe this move will best allow us to serve those in need while doing our part to prevent the spread of COVID-19."

All operations will remain the same, with the exception of food pantry visits. Visits to the food pantry will be by appointment only, and clients are urged to call ahead of time to ensure timely response and visits to the pantry. During such a crucial time of need, no client services will be disrupted and BFA will continue to provide services to the community they serve.

We will continue to take every measure to ensure the health and safety of our community.

*If you have further questions or concerns about the COVID-19, you can view the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/> or [NC Department of Health and Human Services website](#).*

*You can also view the measures the Brunswick County Health and Human Services Department have taken to address this issue at <https://www.brunswickcountync.gov/health/coronavirus/>*

*Do you have a question regarding the Coronavirus?*

*Brunswick County has opened a joint information center featuring a public health call line with county nurses available to answer questions and provide information to residents about the novel coronavirus. The phone line will be available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. until further notice.*

*The County also has an email account where residents can send in their questions via email. Emails sent over the weekend will be answered on the next business day.*

*Brunswick County Public Health Call Line and Email Information*

*Phone: 1.910.253.2339*

*Email: [coronavirus@brunswickcountync.gov](mailto:coronavirus@brunswickcountync.gov)*

*24/7 HELPLINE: The NC Division of Public Health has a statewide helpline staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with a variety of experts who can assist you (1-866-462-3821).*

**From Hospitality Elder Fran Rumpf:** a familiar old hymn. May it bring you comfort and peace until we are together once again.

God be with you till we meet again,  
By His counsels guide, uphold you,  
With His sheep securely fold you,  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again,  
'Neath His wings protecting hide you,  
Daily manna still divide you,  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again,  
When life's perils thick confound you,  
Put His arms unfailing round you,  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again,  
Keep love's banner floating o'er you,  
Smite death's threatening wave before you,  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

Amen.

### **Celebrating Birthdays at the bridge - March**



Carol Nelson	28
Susan Stanewick	31